

Viral Filtration Efficiency (VFE) at an Increased Challenge Level Final Report

Test Article: 3.4
 3.5
 3.6
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 Test Procedure(s): Standard Test Protocol (STP) Number: STP0010 Rev 07



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Summary: This procedure was performed to evaluate the VFE at an increased challenge level of the test article. A suspension of ΦX174 bacteriophage was delivered to the test article to determine filtration efficiency. A challenge level of greater than 10⁷ plaque-forming units (PFU) was pumped through a nebulizer using a peristaltic pump at a controlled flow rate and a fixed air pressure. The aerosol droplets were generated in a glass aerosol chamber and drawn through the test article into all glass impingers (AGIs) in parallel. The challenge was delivered for a one minute interval and sampling through the AGIs was conducted for two minutes to clear the aerosol chamber.

This test procedure was modified from Nelson Laboratories, Inc. (NLI), standard VFE test in order to employ a more severe challenge than would be experienced in normal use. All test method acceptance criteria were met. Testing was performed in compliance with US FDA good manufacturing practice (GMP) regulations 21 CFR Parts 210, 211 and 820.

Challenge Flow Rate: 30 Liters per minute (L/min)
 Area Tested: Entire Test Article
 Side Tested: Lip Side
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Results:

Test Article	Total PFU Recovered	Filtration Efficiency (%)
3.4	1.1 x 10 ⁵	99.85
3.5	1.1 x 10 ⁵	99.86
3.6	2.4 x 10 ⁴	99.968

Challenge Level: 7.7 x 10⁷ PFU
 Mean Particle Size (MPS): ~2.9 μm

The filtration efficiency percentages were calculated using the following equation:

$$\% VFE = \frac{C - T}{C} \times 100$$

C = Challenge Level

T = Total PFU recovered downstream of the test article

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Appendix A

Test Article Description: The test articles were referred to as "mouthpieces with bacterial/viral filter for hydrogen breath test analyser LactoFAN2" by the sponsor. The test articles were made up of a yellow plastic housing that was ~55 mm long and ~25 mm in diameter, conically shaped. The filter material was contained within this tight housing construction inside of the mouthpiece. Per sponsor, the applied flow rate of 30 L/min during testing was chosen based on data from testing performed by the sponsor which determined the maximum exhalation power with several test subjects was 30 L/min.

